

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



As an open and affirming congregation 
the Mission and Purpose of Trinity Church is to

Gather as God's people.

Grow in faith, love and service.

Go into the world as disciples and apostles.

TRINITY CHURCH

September 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

We welcome all of you to our worship service this Sunday!

Enter in stillness...Know that the Lord is God.

Sing with delight...it is God who hears.

Depart in peace...it is God's gift for you.

Listen in reverence...it is God who has made us.

Speak with conviction...there is no other God.

Serve with joy...it is your gift to God!

PRELUDE – *Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ*, BuxWV 224, Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #596

“BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD” (vv 1 & 3)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.

We struggle and worry.

God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.

Listen for God's call to you.

We are listening and seeking God's guidance.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.. **Creator God, we come before you today with open minds and loving hearts. We thank you for the gift of your creation and all you have given us. We are called to be your disciples; teach us how to build a world of love, justice, and peace, and to be better stewards of your creation. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #126

“SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE” (vv 1 & 3)

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Pastor Ben

FIRST READING

JAMES 5:13-20

*GOSPEL READING

MARK 9:38-50

SERMON – “Draw the Circle Wide” Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Chromhorne en Taille*, 3ieme Ton, Jacques Boyvin

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our loving God, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...Patient Lord, we know that you call us to service, but we often feel inadequate. We love to make excuses for not doing something or for doing something only half-heartedly. Remind us again of your loving and guiding presence. Forgive us when we stumble and falter. Turn us again to you, serving joyfully and confidently. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved Ones, you are salty people - you bring flavor to living. Your spirit of love and confidence gives hope to others. Remember that God is always with you.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Remaining in our pews,

let us turn and offer a sign of Christ's peace with our neighbor.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We can help comfort a hurting world by sharing our gifts so that others in the world can flourish. No matter what we think of the gifts we give, God will help us share them far beyond anything we could do ourselves. Let us now present our gifts.

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Aus meines Herzens Grunde (From the bottom of my heart)*, J. C. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ and Spirit one. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray...**Gracious God, we dedicate these offerings to your service. May our gifts bring hope and relief to those in need. Guide us to use these resources to promote justice, mercy, and compassion in our community. May we always act with gratitude and wisdom, recognizing your providence in all we do. Bless these gifts and those who give them so that, together, we may reflect your love and grace in the world. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #2223

"THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE"

*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

May the holy wisdom of God guard your ways and guide your paths. May the living truth of God enlighten your hearts and open your minds. And may the living Spirit of God give you life, and life to the full! **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673

"GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN" (V 1)

POSTLUDE – *Sonata in D, K. 288, Domenico Scarlatti*

Calendar and Notices

This week

Wednesday	➤ Playgroup	9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Thursday	➤ AA	7 p.m.
Friday	➤ Creative Movement for Children	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
	➤ Farmers Market <i>at the Baptist Lot</i>	2 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	➤ Community Meal	5:30 p.m.

Looking ahead

- October 6** – Blessing of the Animals & CROP Walk
- October 10** – Contemplative Prayer Group begins

Pastor: Benjiman Durfee
Music Director: Keith Rollinson
Custodian: Pat Valeski

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Church Secretary: Brook Batteau
Nursery Attendant: Lisa Porter

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